GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA

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SERVICES OF HOSPITAL SHIP
BISHNU PADA RAY

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the time when the Sompen Hospital Ship arrived in Port Blair;

(b) the details of medical services provided to the tribals since its arrival till date;

(c) whether the services are also likely to be provided to Kamrato and Nancowri which are not regularly visited by medical officers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI DILIPKUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI)

(a): August, 2001.

(b): The ship has undertaken 18 trips to primitive tribes/Jarwa areas which include evacuation of serious patients from out lying Islands to Port Blair.

(c) to (e): Yes, Sir. The Vessel has already been deployed in the Southern Group of Islands, and plying there under the control of Deputy Commissioner, Car Nicobar.